

House Resolution 1040

By: Representative Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Chapter of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf  
2 and Hard of Hearing and recognizing May as "Better Hearing and Speech Month"; and for  
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and  
5 Hard of Hearing to raise awareness of the benefits, including the ability to use speech to  
6 communicate, of early diagnosis and intervention for children who are deaf or hard of  
7 hearing; and

8 WHEREAS, while hearing loss is one of the most common birth defects, most parents are  
9 not prepared for the challenges it poses nor are they aware of the options available to them  
10 to address these challenges; and

11 WHEREAS, early diagnosis is critical to the successful speech and language development  
12 of a child with a hearing loss; and

13 WHEREAS, if properly diagnosed and afforded the appropriate medical procedures and  
14 therapy, children with hearing loss can learn to listen and talk nearly as well as their hearing  
15 peers; and

16 WHEREAS, as part of "Better Hearing and Speech Month" in May, the Georgia Chapter of  
17 the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is sponsoring the  
18 Second Annual Talk.Walk.Run. event in Roswell, Georgia.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body commend the Georgia Chapter of the Alexander Graham Bell  
21 Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for their efforts to educate and provide  
22 awareness of the benefits of early diagnosis of hearing loss in children and thank them for

23 their sponsorship of the Talk.Walk.Run. event as part of "Better Hearing and Speech Month"  
24 this May.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Chapter of the  
27 Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.